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ing; and when the doctor came the single word diphtheria sufficed to explain them all. To-day a little mound is the sole me-menta of your visit. Of course the mother does not suspect and would not dare to sus-peet you of any instrumentality in her be-reavement. She charges it to a mysterious Provizence. The doctor savs nothing to disturb the dilusion; that would be impo-litle, if not eruel; but to an outsider he is free to say that the child's death was due directly to your supidity. Those are pre-cisely his words; and who shall say, under the circumstances, that they are not justi-fiable?"

be hung in the yard of our county jall for the crime of murder. At the late term of the Linn County Circuit Court Neil was found guilty of the murder of Seth Whipple Hayes, at Halsey, on the first day of No-vember, 1876. The friends of Neil have done everything in their power to secure a commutation of the death sentence and have failed. There now seems no possible chance for him to escape his sentence. Every preparation has been made by the Sheriff for the occasion. As the execution will take place in the enclosure in the rear

MASQUERADE .- The first annual manquerade ball given by the hose companies of Albany Fire Department, takes place at the Pacific Opera, House on Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, 1877. For particulars see advertisement elsewhere in the REGIS-TER. The boys anticipate a way up time, and are making most extensive preparations to entertain and make the time pass pleasantly to all who attend. There'll be some gay old maskers on the floor on that occasion, you better believe. There'll be no end to the fun, and everybody Trgo that

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETE.-The new officers elect are i President, Mrs. L. E. Blain; Vice President, Mrs. Chris. Houck ; Secretary, Mrs. M. V. Brown; Treasurer, Mrs. Samuel E. Young, The Society meets next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock,

LEGAL .- Messrs: Humphrey & Hewitt, have associated themselves together in the practice of law. Both are talented, painstaking and competent, and any business